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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

9.30 a.m.	3957th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Third progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1998/1176)

Morning*	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 3957th meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1394th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

The formal meeting of the Security Council on the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building", which was suspended on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, will resume on Wednesday, 23 December, at 3 p.m. Delegations may contact the Secretariat in connection with the list of speakers at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or room S-3520C. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 93rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/701) [8]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee*

3. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/752) [17 (k)]

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee* [112]

6. Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

7. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

8. Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

9. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.3) [118]

10. Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

11. United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/754) [120]

12. United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

13. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

14. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/755) [135]

15. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/756) [137]

16. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.1) [143 (a)]

17. Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee* [113]

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Closing of the session

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Informal (closed) consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, *today,* 18 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	686th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	687th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations [3]:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the resumed 1997 session of the Committee

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27 and E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.20/Corr.1)

2. Review of quadrennial reports deferred from the resumed 1997 session [4]

3. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302 [5]

4. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 [7]

5. Provision agenda and documentation for the 1999 session of the Committee [9] (E/C.2/1998/L.3)

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee [10]

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There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission, *today*, 18 December 1998, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 18 December 1998

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 18 December 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be addressed by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), on "Preventing the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Case Study Iraq". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 18 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 21 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3956th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1183, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1183).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1183) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1215 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

92nd plenary meeting

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/53/L.73) [30]

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.73 (resolution 53/202).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The President assured members that the Assembly would continue its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463) in a fully open and transparent manner early 1999.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 30.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556/Add.1) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 11 of its second report (A/53/556/Add.1) (resolution 53/23 C).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) [12]

The General Assembly took note of chapters I to VII and sections A to C of chapter VIII, and chapters IX and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council assigned to the plenary.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 12.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.72) [20 (b)]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.72.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.72 (resolution 53/1 O).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Strengthening of the United Nations system) [58]:

(a) Draft decision (A/53/C.68)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.74)

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution A/53/L.74 would be taken at a later date.

The representative of Canada made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft decision A/53/L.68.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.68.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

Programme of work

The President, after having recalled the provision of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 53/173, informed the Assembly that the first meeting of the ad hoc working group established by General Assembly resolution 52/179 would be held immediately upon the adjournment of the 92nd plenary meeting.

The President also informed the Assembly that the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations would hold further consultations early 1999 on a draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 31 (Culture of peace).

Statement by the President

The President made a statement.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone its date of recess from Thursday, 17 December 1998, to Friday, 18 December 1998.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 684th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Chile, the Russian Federation, India, China, Cuba, the Sudan, the Philippines and Greece.

685th meeting

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304 [6]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, India, Chile, the Sudan, the United Kingdom, China, Costa Rica, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland and Tunisia.

Statements were also made by the observers of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Turkey and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14: Malta (16 December 1998)*

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Ratification: New Zealand (16 December 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Algeria (17 December 1998)

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

Acceptance: United Arab Emirates (15 December 1998)*

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (17 December 1998)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: New Zealand (16 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Chad (15 December 1998)*

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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